

Application No. 09/808,224
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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15. Applicant submits two terminal disclaimers herewith. Applicant has amended the specification and claims 1 and 12. The amendments have support within the specification such that new matter has not been presented. Applicant submits that claims 1-15 should be pending on entry of the amendments herein.

Amendments to the claims should not be construed as acquiescence to the rejections by the Examiner and were provided solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in the present or a separate application(s).

Applicant also requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections by the Examiner in view of the amendments to the specification and both terminal disclaimers provided herewith.

Objections

The Examiner has objected to the specification for inclusion of an express mail number. Applicant has respectfully amended the specification. Applicant submits that the objection by the Examiner should be withdrawn.

Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15 based on U.S. Patent No. 6,150,173 and U.S. Application No. 09/808,225. Applicant respectfully submits two terminal disclaimers herewith to overcome the rejections by the Examiner. Applicant submits that the rejections of claims 1-15 should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Based on amendments to the specification and both terminal disclaimers presented herewith, reconsideration and withdrawal of all the rejections and allowance of the application with all pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is also encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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